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8:45

Registration & coffee

9:15

Opening remarks

MRS. BARBARA FAEDDA, PHD *Director a.i. of Italian Academy at Columbia University*

MIN. PLEN. FRANCESCO M. TALÓ *Consul General of Italy in New York*

H.E. AMB. GIOVANNI CASTELLANETA *Ambassador of Italy to the USA*

Greetings of Sicilian and Calabrese Authorities and honors to the US Navy

9:45

Opening Session

THE STRAIT OF MESSINA EARTHQUAKE AND THE AMERICAN SOLIDARITY

Messina 1908 – New York 2008:

Friendship between peoples and cooperation between Governments

HON. ANTONIO MARTINO | *Former Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs & Defense*

H.E. AMB. FRANCESCO PAOLO FULCI | *Former Permanent Representative of Italy
to the United Nations*

One hundred years after the Messina Earthquake:

Reconstruction and Emigration

PROF. MARCELLO SAÍJA | *University of Messina*

10:45

First Session

DISASTER REDUCTION, EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE TO NATURAL HAZARDS; WHICH ROLE FOR THE INSTITUTIONS?

MODERATOR: H.E. AMB. GIULIO TERZI DI SANT'AGATA

Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations

**The Italian Civil Protection and the "real-time risk" management scenario:
the emergency intervention and the evolution of a new organizational model**

HON. GUIDO BERTOLASO, M.D.

*Secretary of State and Chief of the Civil Protection Department of the Presidency
of the Council of Ministers of Italy*

**Natural emergency and sustainable development:
the role of the United Nations in the management of natural hazards**

MS. CATHERINE BRAGG, PHD

*Assistant Secretary – General for Humanitarian Affairs and Deputy Emergency
Relief Coordinator of the United Nations*

**How America copes with natural disasters: presentation of a successful story
in the management of natural disaster emergency**

REPRESENTATIVE OF F.E.M.A. (Federal Emergency Management Agency)

Discussion

Lunch Buffet

14:00

Second Session

CITIZENS, GOVERNMENTS AND PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS FACING HEALTH EMERGENCY

MODERATOR: PROFESSOR ANDY JAGODA, M.D.

*Professor and Vice Chair of Emergency Medicine Mount Sinai School of Medicine
Medical Director of the Emergency Department, Mount Sinai Medical Center of New York*

The response of Saint Vincent Catholic Medical Hospital and New York Presbyterian Hospital at Weill Cornell to the 9/11 emergency

ROGER YURT, M.D. | *Johnson & Johnson Professor of Surgery & Chief of the Burn
Center at New York Presbyterian Hospital at Weill Cornell*

ERIC LEGOME, M.D. | *Professor and Chairman of Emergency Medicine for Saint
Vincent Catholic Medical Hospital of New York*

Humanitarian Response and public Assistance in managing international Health Emergency. "Distress call" and prompt intervention. Lessons from the past and challenges for the future

AGOSTINO MIOZZO, M.D.

Chief of the International Affairs Department of the Italian Civil Protection

The psychology of the disaster: psychological damage affecting victims and rescuers in case of disaster

SILVANA RIGGIO, M.D. | *Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Neurology,
Mount Sinai's School of Medicine Director of Consultation Liaison Service*

James J. Peter's VAMC of New York

Discussion

15:45

Third Session

NATURAL CATASTROPHES, DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION AND ARTISTIC HERITAGE

MODERATOR: MIN. PLEN. ELISABETTA BELLONI

Director General – Directorate General for Development Cooperation of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and former Chief of the Italian Crisis Management Unit

The Assisi earthquake:

from the emergency management to the successful restoration

DR. CATERINA BON VALSASSINA

Italian Ministry of Cultural Heritage and Activities – Director of the “Istituto Superiore per la Conservazione e il Restauro”

1966 Flood of Florence: catastrophe and restoration

DR. ORIANA SARTIANI

Italian Ministry of Cultural Heritage and Activities – Opificio delle Pietre Dure e Laboratori di Restauro di Firenze

Discussion

17:15

Coffee Break

17:30

HON. RICHARD GRECO JR. – *Former Assistant Secretary of the Navy* –
is awarded with an Italian decoration

17:45

Kairos Italy Theater, Daniela Schächter,
the Consulate General of Italy in NY,
the Italian Cultural Institute of NY

PRESENT

REMEMBERING MESSINA: BEFORE AND AFTER DECEMBER 28TH 1908

Conceived & Composed by Daniela Schächter

WORLD PREMIERE
ITALIAN ACADEMY AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
20th NOVEMBER 2008

With Daniela Schächter piano and vocals; Oleg Osenkov upright bass,
Marco Panascia, bass electric guitar, Marcello Pellitteri drums,
Dan Pratt saxophones, Davide Schächter classical and electric guitar,
Laura Caparrotti recitative. Special guest Vincenzo Amato.